THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Besides, the Air Force Central Medical Establishment, New Delhi, the Medical Evaluation Centre in the Institute of Aviation Medicine at Bangalore, is also the competent authority for certification of medical fitness of Air Force and civil pilots for flying duties, subject to approval by Director Medical Services (Air).

(b) The number of Specialists with their field of speciality in each of the above Centres is given below:—

Speciality	Air Force Central Medical Establishment, New Delhi	Intitute of Aviation Medicine, Bangalore
Cardiology	2	1
ENT	2	1
Eye	2	1
Pathology	1	1
Psychiatry	1	1
Radiology	1	1
Aviation Medicine	1	12

(c) No posts of specialists are lying vacant at present.

Refusal of Sanction to Prosecute Mr. Brahma Chellany, Associated Press Correspondent

1255. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation was refused permission by Government to prosecute Shri Brahma Chellany, Associated Press Correspondent on charges of sedition following his despatches on the Operation Blue Star; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation had thought the sanction of the Central Government for the prosecution of Shri Brahma Chellany, Associated Press Correspondent, for the offence of sedition punishable under Section 124-A of the Indian Penal Code. As the evidence collected by the Central Bureau of Investigation did not establish clearly an offence under Section 124-A of the Indian Penal Code, the Central Government did not accord the sanction required under Section 196 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for his posecution in a Cout of Law.

Submission of Report by Commissions

1256. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the N. K. Singh Commission dealing with the Union Cardide disaster, the Mathew Commission dealing with

Punjab accord, the Kudal Commission dealing with Gandhi Peace Foundation have all failed to report within their specified time limit;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore, how many times the term was extended of all these commissions;

(c) whether it is a fact that the same person is heading different commissions at different times; and

(d) if so, the names of the commissions headed by Shri Justice Matnew and Shri Justice Kapoor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (d) A statement is attached.

Statement

The N. K. Singh Commission of Inquiry was appointed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh on 6-12-1984. Its terms was initially upto 15-3-1985 but was subsequently extended by the State Government upto 15-12-1985. The term of the Commission has now expired and the Government of Madhya Pradesh has not extended the term of the Commission any further. Attention is invited to the *suo moto* statement made by the Minister of State for Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals in Rajya Sabha on 19-12-1985.

2. The Mathew Commission was constituted by a Government Resolution dated 20-8-1985 in which it was directed to make its recommendations not later than 31-10-1985. Its terms was extended four times. The Commission submitted report on 25-1-86.

3. The Kudal Commission was set up on 17-12-1982. Its terms was extended four times The extended term of the Commission is upto 31-7-1986. The Commission could not furnish its report within the specified time because of the enormity of its task of investigating the affairs of a large number of organisations. The Commission has so far submitted four interim reports.

4. There have been instance of same Judge appointed to head different Commissions at different times. Shri Justice Mathew was also Chairman of the Inquiry Commission set up to look to the murder of late Shri L. N. Mishra. In tht case of Shri Justice Kapoor, it has not been possible to trace the names of the Commissions appointed by the Central Government which were headed by him. The information is being collected.

Extraction of Metals from Sea Beds

1257. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the technology of extraction of metals from the sea bed nodules; and

(b) the main features of the technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The progress on the technology of extraction of metals from sea bed nodules has been satisfactory and the work has been going on according to programme.

(b) Three metals, namely-copper, nickel and cobalt, have been extracted on a laboratory scale at the Regional Research Laboratory (Bhubaneswar) using hydrometallurgical and pyrometallurgical methods. Very soon the scale of operation will be upgraded to a semi pilot stage.

Production of Electronic Goods

1258. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in the world production of electronics is only 0.5 per cent as reported